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JP 2001-055225: That document is also cited in the above-mentioned Japanese Search Report. In addition, the document is believed to be related to U.S. 2001/0002089.

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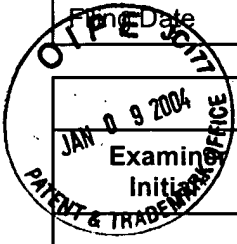
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	Notice of Rejection (3 pages) issued by the Japanese Patent Office on November 18, 2003, in Japanese Appln No. 2001-367076, including an English language translation (3 pages).
	English language translation of <u>Chono et al.</u> (JP 8-50452).
	Patent Abstracts of Japan, English Abstract for JP 2001-055225.

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